

REMARKS

This application is a U.S. national phase application, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371, of PCT international application Ser. No. PCT/EP2005/050902, filed March 1, 2005, designating the United States and published in English on September 9, 2005 as publication WO 2005/082375 A2, which claims priority to GB application Ser. No. GB 0404571.2, filed March 1, 2004, GB 0404567.0, filed March 1, 2004, and PCT international application Ser. No. PCT/US2004/031532, filed September 24, 2004. Page 1 of the specification has been amended to reflect this information.

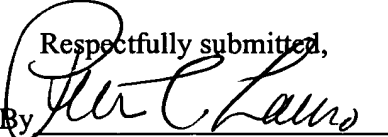
Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; claims 3-5 and 9-15 have been amended; and claims 16-20 have been added. Accordingly, claims 3-5, 7 and 9-20 will be pending in the application upon entry of the amendments presented herein.

Support for the addition of claims 16-20 can be found in the application as the PCT international application as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Cancellation and amendment of the claims were done solely to remove multiple claim dependencies in order to reduce the extra claim fees, to correct typographical errors and/or to otherwise expedite prosecution of the application. Applicant hereby reserves the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or one or more subsequent patent applications.

Applicant respectfully requests early examination on the merits and allowance of the application with all claims presented herein. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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